



Maria Gomes.



Melissa Johnson.

Enoch/Short second for junior men's K2

World Championships

Sweden's Melina Andersson overcame the disappointment of her paddle breaking to retain the women's kayak single short distance title at the marathon world championships in Metkovic.

Her victory with the use of a paddle with which she had never competed before after her team mate accidentally broke her original one came on a day of dramatic short distance races at the Croatian venue.

Denmark's Mads Brandt Pedersen clinched the men's K1 crown for the first time after coming out on top in a final that saw Portugal's Fernando Pimenta and Argentina's Agustin Rodriguez both receive 15 second penalties for missing buoys.

There was also a maiden triumph for Spain's Ignacio Calvo who



secured top spot in the men's canoe single final while Hungary's Zsofia Kisban successfully defended the women's C1 title.

Andersson proved too strong in the women's K1 short distance final, forging clear of Hungarian pair Emese Kohalmi and Vanda Kiszli.

It looked like a comfortable victory for Andersson but the Swedish paddler revealed that it was a far from easy day.

'Just before the heats my original paddle broke,' said Andersson.

'A team mate of mine dropped a table right on the blade so it broke.

'I had to take the spare one that I never use but then it felt really good when I got on the water so I could calm down and do my race.

'When it happened I was really sad so I decided to call my mum,



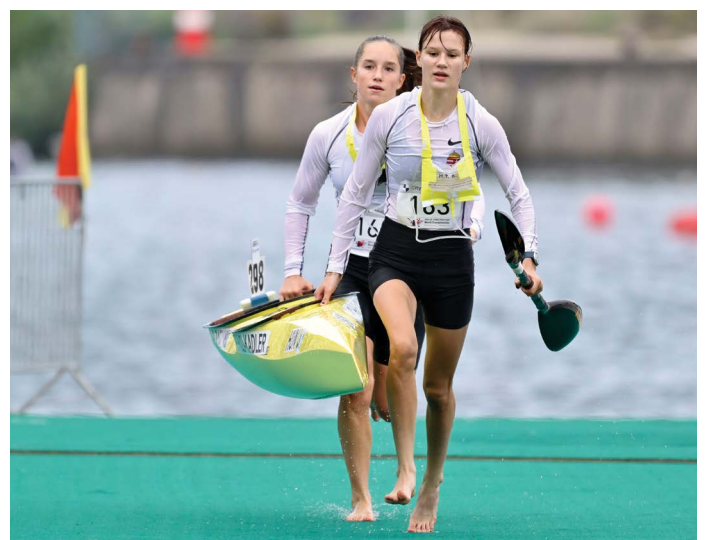
Marcell Meri.



Hutchinson/Ball in a bunched turn.



Melina Andersson.



Kadler/Zatyko.



Sklenarova/Payne.



Victor Devesa.